to beggars, will the Government be pleased to state how many applications have been received up to 16th Vrischigam 1111?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—4,471.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—This number up to 16th Vrischigom, is it not?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Some more applications might have come in after the date.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question was with respect to the 16th Vrischigom.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, of these 4,471 applications for free grant of land, has any been disposed of?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—They were being received upto the 16th Vrischigom 1111. We do not dispose of applications as they come in. It is only when all the applications have come in that we dispose of them.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I have a direct answer to my question?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— They have not been disposed of.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the extent of land they are going to give to each applicant?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—10 cents.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—To 1000 people?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Then what about the balance of 3,000 and odd?

Mr. President.—They won't get any land. (Laughter).

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—What is the total acreage of land that is going to be given?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—100 acres.

Opening of the Kadavallur-Pazhanji road.

134. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of times the Government have given promises in the Legislative Council to open the Kadavallur-Pazhanji road;

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(b) whether the Government will begin the opening of the Kadavallur-Pazhanji road in 1112?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Government had promised to consider the question of providing for the work in the budget subject to the availability of funds. It is not possible to give the exact number of times such promises were given.

(b) Yes, if funds permit.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukkutty.—How long had they been contemplating about this road ?

Mr. President.—I hope this question will go to the Road Board. The Hon'ble Member can convince the Board and he will get an opportunity to make representations. There will be no more room for complaints of this nature because an amount once budgetted will not lapse for 5 years.

Quarrying charges of laterite stones.

135. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any quarrying charges are collected for quarrying laterite stones;

(b) what is the rate collected?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— (a) Yes, for commercial purposes.

(b) (1) Rs. 5 per acre for quarrying from private lands in towns, places within a radius of 1 mile from towns and on the sides of important public roads, and Rs. 2½ per acre in other places.

(2) 1 anna per cart load or as. 10 per 100 c. ft. for quarrying from poramboke lands.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what the principle underlying this quarrying is ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There are one or two principles. One is the State's right over the minerals which are reserved in the Government under the Settlement. The second is the possibility of the lands deteriorating by indiscriminate quarrying.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Can we dig up clay? What is the rate for it?

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